

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

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TOPIC Soviet Ammunition Depot at Hohenleibisch

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REMARKS

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1. [] the Soviet ammunition depot at Hohenleibisch, reported that the following shipments had arrived at the depot between 17 July and 7 September 1951: 25X1

Date	Number of Railroad Cars	Cargo	Dispatching Station
17 July	4	64 to 68 tons of 151-mm shell cases	Stalinsk
18 July	3	each 15.5 to 16 tons of mortar shells	Volganesh
23 July	3	each 15 tons of 105-mm shell cases	Leningrad
	3	powder in tin canisters, probably of German origin	Reinsdorf via Falkenberg-Elsterwerda-Diehla
7 August	2	explosives	U.S.S.R.
14 August	4	each 15 tons of 151-mm shell cases	Stalinsk
	3	16, 14 and 13 tons of mortar shells	Volganesh
18 August	3	each 14.5 tons of 105-mm shells	Leningrad
23 August	2	each 12 tons of infantry ammunition	Leningrad
4 September	2	explosives	U.S.S.R.
6 September	2	each 14 tons of 151-mm shells	Stalinsk

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2 13.7 and 14.2 tons of 105-mm shells Stalinsk

7 September 3 22.6 tons of infantry ammunition Leningrad (1)

2. [] the following outgoing shipments:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number of Railroad Cars</u>	<u>Cargo</u>	<u>Receiving Station</u>
17 July	1	10 tons of 151-mm shells	Koenigsbrueck
	1	9.5 tons of 105-mm shells	Koenigsbrueck
	1	7.5 tons of 120-mm mortar shells	Koenigsbrueck
24 July	1	9 tons of 76.2-mm AT gun shells	Zeithain
	1	8 tons of 120-mm mortar shells	Zeithain
	1	5.5 tons of infantry ammunition	Zeithain
30 July	1	8 tons of 76.2-mm shells	Chemnitz
	1	6.5 tons of 120-mm mortar shells	Chemnitz
	1	6 tons of infantry ammunition	Chemnitz
16 August	1	13.5 tons of 76.2-mm shells	Dresden-Hellerau
	1	10.5 tons of 120-mm mortar shells	Dresden-Hellerau
	1	10 tons of infantry ammunition	Dresden-Hellerau
23 August	1	14 tons of 151-mm shells	Koenigsbrueck
	1	12 tons of 105-mm shells	Koenigsbrueck
27 August	1	10 tons of 120-mm mortar shells	Chemnitz-Ebersdorf
	1	11.5 tons of 105-mm shells	Chemnitz-Ebersdorf

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	1	7.6 tons of infantry ammunition	Chemnitz-Ebersdorf
3 September	2	23.2 tons of 76.2-mm shells	Seithain
	1	10 tons of 120-mm mortar shells	Seithain
	1	7.6 tons of infantry ammunition	Seithain
8 September	1	16 tons of 151-mm shells	Koenigsbrueck
	1	12.5 tons of 105-mm shells	Koenigsbrueck (2)

3. Motor vehicles observed at the depot included: sedan [] occupied by 25X1 3 officers, which went toward Grossenhain after stopping at the depot on 11 July; canvas-covered truck [] went from the depot toward Elsterwerde on 12 July; and trucks [], which were loaded with 10 tons of infantry ammunition for a unit in Riesa, on 4 September. (3)

4. In mid-August 1951, [] according to inscriptions on wooden signboards at the two northernmost bunkers in the western section of the ammunition depot, one of the bunkers contained 327.6 tons of 151-mm shells and the other bunker 456.2 tons of 105-mm shells, allegedly AA shells. (4)

5. On 19 July, about 90 recruits from the U.S.S.R. arrived at Hohenleipisch railroad station. They were escorted by a major, a captain and a lieutenant (Adm). On 21 July, the recruits were seen engaged in formation drill. At the end of July, [] the name of the new commander of the guard was Senior Lieutenant Ivan Ivanovich. Captain Malenkov (fnu) was the second security officer. On the morning of 8 August, a Soviet unit of 160 to 180 troops from the ammunition depot at Hohenleipisch was seen engaged in exercises west of the depot. Four 2-axle armored scout cars and two jeeps were seen with the troops. Two majors, 1 senior lieutenant and 1 lieutenant participated in the exercise. On 14 August, several visiting officers, including 1 lieutenant colonel, 2 majors, 2 captains and 1 senior lieutenant thoroughly inspected the depot. Officers of the depot, who were with the inspection group, included 1 lieutenant colonel (Adm), 3 captains and 1 senior lieutenant. On the day of the inspection the number of guards was increased. On 15 August, Captain Zavalnikov (fnu), the deputy depot commander, left for furlough to the U.S.S.R. (5)

6. Foresters stated that a woods, about 65 years old and covering an area of 40 to 50 hectares, was tapped for resin for the ammunition depot at the end of August. Another woods covering an area of 70 to 80 hectares had also been tapped in previous years.

[] Comments. 25X1A

- (1) The incoming shipments of ammunition have not been confirmed by reports on rail movements. The report for the first time mentions dispatch stations in the U.S.S.R. where ammunition factories may be located. It confirms the assumption that the ammunition at the depot in Hohenleipisch is being prepared for firing, as is also indicated by the arrival of shell cases and explosives. Moreover, every German ammunition depot was provided with a filling station.

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The data on calibers are probably incorrect. It must read 152-mm instead of 151-mm. No comment can be made regarding the 105-mm shells. The Soviets had a 107-mm artillery piece during World War II, but the Soviet units in the Soviet Zone of Germany are not equipped with such guns. It is rather doubtful that ammunition for captured German guns, i.e., the 105-mm light field howitzer, should have been delivered to the depot. The Soviets have a 105-mm AA gun but, according to information available, no such guns have hitherto been used by units in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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- (2) Since almost all ammunition shipped from the depot was sent to troop training grounds, it is believed that it was used during summer and fall maneuvers.
 - (3) [redacted] belong to the GOFG and to the 9th Tank Div of the First Gds Mecz Army.
 - (4) The information tends to indicate that the depot was well-stocked with ammunition. A report of November 1947 also stated that depot was filled to capacity. Reports on incoming and outgoing shipments during the last year indicate that the number of incoming shipments of ammunition exceeded that of outgoing shipments. It is undetermined whether 105-mm AAA ammunition is actually stored there.
 - (5) Captain Malenkov ~~an~~ Senior Lieutenant Ivan Ivanovich (sic) are reported for the first time. Captain Zavalnikov (fnu) was previously reported to have been deputy depot commander.

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